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I gave a lunch today in the Embassy dining room for Frank Coffin, Deputy to Fowler Hamilton, in AID. He has made a favorable impression on the numbers of people he has met here both British and American. The guests were:

Sir Algernon Rumbold, Deputy Under Secretary of State, Commonwealth Relations Office
Sir Denis Rickett, Second Secretary, Overseas Finance, HM Treasury
Mr. A. N. Galsworthy, Assistant Under Secretary, Colonial Office
Mr. E. Melville, Assistant Under Secretary, Foreign Office
Mr. William Clark, Director, Overseas Development Institute
Mr. John Robinson, AID Officer, USRO/Paris
Minister Jones
Mr. Beale
Mr. Radius
Mr. Robert Bean, Treasury Attache
Miss Marjorie Belcher, AID Liaison Officer

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Jean Lambert flew over from Paris to talk to me about his plans for the probable establishment of a branch in London. He had brought Denis, his French partner, with him. I was glad to see Denis, whom I knew many years ago. He was an Inspecteur de Finance, and is thoroughly equipped for investment banking. Jean's firm is doing well financially.

Admiral Russell, the new CINCSOUTH, came in with Page Smith and Noel Gaylor. It was the first time I had met him. He has the reputation of being an effective naval officer. [redacted]

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E and I greatly enjoyed the occasion, in the course of which I must have
100 or more American women, who, as wives of Englishmen, have resided h
20 years or longer.

George Ball sent me a couple of days ago an "Eyes Only" telegram, st
some concern over the delays in UK negotiations to enter the Common Marke
asked for my comments.

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I went down to see Harold Caccia, without any hope of success, to carry out instructions from the Department. [redacted]

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Tonight we dined with Esme and Rowlie Cromer, in their apartment in the Bank of England property on Cheapside. They have beautiful silver, most of which belongs to the Bank. The apartment itself is [redacted] attractive. From its terrace, on the side looking toward St. Paul's Cathedral, the view is almost staggering in its beauty. The Cathedral seems to be so close as to form part of the terrace. Their servants wear the unusual pale pink uniform of the Bank of England. The guests were the Barrington Smiths (he says he is a distant cousin of mine, being a nephew of Lord Elgin), Jinny Ogilvie and husband, Selwyn Lloyd, Maurice Macmillan and his wife (she is the sister of David Ormsby-Gore). We had a lively conversation over port; Selwyn was in particularly good form.

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I called on the Colombian Ambassador Dr. Barco, at 3 Hans Crescent, this morning. I was just in time, for he said he had been on the verge of telephoning me for an appointment this week. He has just returned from Washington, where, after conversations at the State Department, it was decided he would approach the British Government in regard to the Colombian financial situation. It is unsatisfactory from a foreign exchange standpoint, because of the drop in coffee prices. After an